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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, VS, JO, AG

SUBJECT: RVN EMBASSY ACCOUNTS

REF: AMMAN 3192

1. GOJ FONMIN SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT GOJ HAS AGREED TO ALGERIAN EMBASSY REQUEST (REFTEL) TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY AND PERSONNEL OF GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON BEHALF OF PRG.

2. WE INQUIRED WHETHER THIS WOULD ALSO APPLY TO CURRENTLY BLOCKED RVN EMBASSY BANK ACCOUNT AT FNCB-AMMAN. IBRAHIM INDICATED THAT WHILE THE GOJ DECISION THEORETICALLY WOULD GIVE THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY CONTROL OF THE BANK ACCOUNT, THE GOJ WOULD WISH TO INSURE THAT THE DISBURSEMENTS WERE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOJ WISHES. HE INDICATED THAT GOJ CONTINUES TO BLOCK ACCOUNT PENDING (A) AN EXACT ACCOUNTING OF OUTSTANDING RVN DEBTS (WHICH CURRENTLY UNDERWAY); (B) SOME IDEA OF POSITIONS OF ALGERIAN, US AND GOJ ON THE BANK ACCOUNT ISSUE.

3. IBRAHIM SAID THAT HE HOPES FOR A REASONABLE
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SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE WITHOUT GETTING INVOLVED

IN A JURISDICTIONAL HASSLE, PARTICULARLY CONSIDERING THE SMALL SUM OF MONEY INVOLVED. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PAY DEBTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IS RECEPTIVE TO HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING FORMER EMBASSY STAFF REMAINING IN JORDAN INCLUDING PAYMENT OF AIR FARES. AT IBRAHIM'S REQUEST, WE PROVIDED HIM WITH COPY OF LIST OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS THAT RVN EMBASSY LEFT WITH US (REFTEL).

4. COMMENT: THE MAJOR REMAINING UNKNOWN IS POSITION ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ON BANK ACCOUNT. WE BELIEVE THAT GOJ WILL TAKE REASONABLE AND COMMON SENSE APPROACH ON MATTER. PENDING RESPONSE FROM ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE WAY OF SETTLING ISSUE WITH GOJ. PICKERING

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